

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

December 16, 1998
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Hogan, Scottsdale, Chairman
Dick Janke for Jim Book, Glendale
Brian Latte, Chandler
Gary Thomas, Gilbert
Pierre Pretorius, Maricopa County
Alan Sanderson, Mesa
Mike Frisbie for Jim Matteson, Phoenix
Scott Miller, RPTA

* Mike Branham, Surprise
Ed VanDerGinst, Tempe
* Tim Wolfe, ADOT
Alan Hansen, FHWA
* Cydney DeModica, AAA Arizona
Richard Traill, Phoenix Aviation

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Dan Powell, ADOT
Chuck Manuel, ADOT
Sarath Joshua, MAG
Paul Ward, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Steve Hogan.

2. Approval of the November 18, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Call to Audience

Chairman Hogan made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public address the ITS Committee. Chuck Manuel of ADOT briefed the members on the concept of a freeway service patrol and indicated that ADOT will be submitting a TIP project for launching a pilot project for providing such a service. Mr. Manuel was requested by Chairman Hogan to coordinate a formal presentation to the committee on this topic at a future committee meeting.

4. AZTech Project Update

Pierre Pretorius provided an update on the AZTech project. He indicated that negotiations on the terms and conditions with private sector partners are near completion. Mr. Pretorius also announced that the AZTech project was selected for the award for excellence by USDOT. He informed that the statewide AZTech organizational study by a consultant is expected to begin in January 1999.

5. Regional ITS Strategic Plan Update

Sarath Joshua distributed a draft scope of work for this project. He informed committee members that all of the comments received at last month's meeting have been addressed in this version of the scope of work. Chairman Hogan requested members to review the draft scope of work and provide any review comments to MAG by January 13, 1999.

6. Update on ITS Project Rating System

A brief update on the status of the rating system was provided by Sarath Joshua. A description of the three-part ITS Rating System and guidelines on how to identify the priority areas was distributed to members. He requested the assistance of committee members in finalizing the areawide rating system definition. Mr. Joshua requested each member to define ITS priority areas on a map of their jurisdiction and send it to him as soon as possible, to be used in rating ITS projects.

7. New Projects for TIP

Paul Ward provided a brief update on the schedule for developing the Transportation Improvement Program. The forms necessary for submission of new projects were distributed to members. He indicated that one submission should be used for all projects. Mr. Ward indicated that the deadline for project submissions was December 24, 1998. He indicated that substantial funds are available for new projects. Mr. Ward indicated that scope increases of projects already in the program may be entertained. He also stated that due to the availability of \$ 15m to \$ 18m in unprogrammed CMAQ funds for FY 1999, new projects may be programmed for FY99.

9. Reliable Traffic Data Acquisition Using ITS Field Devices

The need for better planning to obtain reliable traffic data using ITS field devices was highlighted by Sarath Joshua. Such field devices, in addition to providing immediate traffic control strategies, would also gather systemwide data that may be used for monitoring system performance. Pierre Pretorius indicated that a project initiated by the county will be looking at this issue. Following a brief discussion on how much data is being gathered by existing systems, Chairman Hogan suggested that Mr. Pretorius take the lead in identifying a strategy to address this need.

10. ITS Training

Sarath Joshua highlighted the need for ITS related training in the region and distributed a survey form on ITS related training needs. He informed members that more detailed information on these courses were available at the internet website <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hst/pcb/itscord1.htm>. The availability of ITS training courses through the Local Technical Assistance Program was highlighted. The following ITS related training courses were mentioned during the discussion:

Incident Management Course	Feb 7-8, 1999	Phoenix
National ITS Architecture	Feb 10-11, 1999	Tucson

12. Status Reports by Committee Members on ITS Activities

Pierre Pretorius stated that MCDOT has initiated a study on how to mainstream ITS into the Capital Improvement Program. The study is being carried out by Kimley Horn & Associates and is expected to be completed by 1999 Summer.

Chairman Hogan expressed appreciation for Dan Powell's contribution to the advancement of ITS in the region. Sarath Joshua expressed appreciation for Dan's support for IVHS and ITS activities at ADOT. Mr. Powell thanked everyone for their cooperation and participation in the AZTech project.

Sarath Joshua announced that committee member Cydney DeModica will be leaving AAA Arizona, effective the end of December 1998 to take up a position at Arizona DOT.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was confirmed as January 20, 1998.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.